Mississippi State Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

SUMMARY OF MODIFICATIONS TO:

Title 15, Part 12, Subpart 31
Emergency Medical Services
Chapter 3: Aero Medical Services

Rule Number/	Rule Change	EXPLANATION OF
Page Number		CHANGE
Rule 2.1.6/ Page 24	Rule 2.1.6 Interfacility transport is defined as the movement a patient from one licensed health care facility (hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, long term healthcare facilities) to another in a licensed ground or air ambulance. The transfer of patients between facilities is a fundamental component of the health care system.	NEW Rule In Final Rule (71 FR 69716), CMS expanded the definition of "interfacility" to include both hospitals and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). Regulations reflect that change.
Rule 2.3.2/ Page 24	Rule 2.3.2 Medical Control During Interhospital Interfacility Transfers	MODIFICATION In Final Rule (71 FR 69716), CMS expanded the definition of "interfacility" to include both hospitals and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). Regulations reflect that change.
Rule 2.4.2/ Page 24	Rule 2.4.2 routinely, the transferring physician is responsible for securing the acceptance of the patient by an appropriate physician at the receiving facility. Care provided initiated by the transferring facility may need to be continued during transport. The transferring physician in collaboration with the service's medical control will determine the treatment to be provided during the period of the patient transport, and what, if any, staff will be necessary to accompany the patient en-route.	MODIFICATION In Final Rule (71 FR 69716), CMS expanded the definition of "interfacility" to include both hospitals and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). Regulations reflect that change.
Rule 3.1.1 to Rule 3.1.5/Page 36- 40	Rule 3.1.1 to Rule 3.1.5 Should Number:	MODIFICATION Numbering in this subchapter conflicts with numbering in

	Rule 3.5.1 to 3.5.5	previous chapter. (E.g. there are two different rules with the same reference number.)
Rule 3.8.10	Rule 3.8.10 and Rule 3.12.1	MODIFICATION
and Rule 3.12.1/Page 58	Should Number:	Numbering in this subchapter conflicts with numbering in
	Rule 3.12.1 and 3.12.2 respectively.	previous chapter. (E.g. there are two different rules with the same reference number.)
Rule	Grounds for Suspension or Revocation	MODIFICATION
4.17.1/Page 65-66	include:	Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule	If the Bureau finds that public health,	MODIFICATION
4.17.2/page 66-67	safety, and welfare requires emergency action and a finding to that effect is incorporated in its order, summary suspension of a certification may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action.	Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule 5.20.1/Page	Grounds for Suspension or Revocation include:	MODIFICATION
79-81		Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue
	16. Any conduct, regardless of whether	summary of suspension – while

	convicted, which constitutes a crime of violence, or which constitutes any of the following crimes: a. Assault b. Stalking c. False imprisonment d. Sexual assault or battery e. Crimes against a vulnerable person	awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule 5.20.2/Page 81	If the Bureau finds that public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action and a finding to that effect is incorporated in its order, summary suspension of a certification may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action.	MODIFICATION Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Chapter 6 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNCIAN BASIC (EMT-B) Page 81	EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNCIAN BASIC (EMT-B)	MODIFICATION Change Title to reflect National Certification - important initiative to help assure that EMS professionals providing care are competent. National EMS Certification.
Rule 6.15.1/Page 86-87	EMT refresher training shall consist of: the current National Registry Standards for Basic EMT Refresher Curriculum (24 hour minimum), and shall include successful completion of a local written and practical examination. Written permission from BEMS must be obtained prior to the start of an EMT refresher training course. Instructors should complete the class approval form and submit to BEMS, at minimum, thirty (30) calendar days prior to the first day of class.	MODIFICATION Change to reflect the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP); an EMS training initiative that replaces the traditional refresher course model of continuing education with one that will evolve over time and promote continuous quality improvement (CQI), lifelong learning and individual self-assessment.
Rule 6.20.1/Page 88-90	Grounds for suspension or revocation include:	MODIFICATION Change reflects clearer

	. 20. Any conduct, regardless of whether convicted, which constitutes a crime of violence, or which constitutes any of the following crimes: a. Assault b. Stalking c. False imprisonment d. Sexual assault or battery e. Crimes against a vulnerable person	language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule 6.20.2/Page 90	If the Bureau finds that public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action and a finding to that effect is incorporated in its order, summary suspension of a certification may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action.	MODIFICATION Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule 6.25.2/page 94- 95	Skills included in the Scope of Practice for a Mississippi EMT includes the following:	MODIFICATION Change reflects National EMS Scope of Practice Model - a continuation of the commitment of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Health Resources and Services Administration to the implementation of the EMS Agenda for the Future. Scope of practice. This change ADDS the additional skill of Blood Glucose Level Check to the
	28. Blood Glucose Level	EMT Level.
Rule 6.26.1/Page 95	The EMT-Basic represents the first component of the emergency medical care system. Through proper training the EMT-Basic will be able to provide basic life	MODIFICATION Change reflects National Continued Competency Program

	support to victims during emergencies, minimize discomfort and possible further injuries. The EMT-Basic may provide non-invasive emergency procedures and services to the level described in the EMT-Basic National Registry Standards for EMT Training-Curriculum. Those procedures include recognition, assessment, management, transportation and liaison.	(NCCP); an EMS training initiative that replaces the traditional refresher course model of continuing education with one that will evolve over time and promote continuous quality improvement (CQI), lifelong learning and individual self-assessment.
Rule 6.26.2/page 96	An EMT-Basic is a person who has successfully completed an approved training program and is certified. The EMT-Basic training program must equal or exceed the educational goals and objectives of the EMT-Basic National Registry Standards for EMT Training Curriculum.	MODIFICATION Change reflects National Continued Competency Program (NCCP); an EMS training initiative that replaces the traditional refresher course model of continuing education with one that will evolve over time and promote continuous quality improvement (CQI), lifelong learning and individual self- assessment.
Rule 7.13.1/Page 106-107	Initial rosters shall be completed by the credentialed Paramedic instructor immediately following the second meeting of the class. Initial roster forms can be obtained from the BEMS or be completed on the BEMS website. (www.health.ms.gov) A final roster for full or refresher Paramedic class will not be accepted without an initial roster on file with the BEMS.	MODIFICATION Remove old contact information.
Rule 7.14.1/Page 107	Final rosters shall be completed by the credentialed Paramedic instructor immediately following the end of a full Paramedic Refresher class. The final roster shall be inclusive of all students on the initial roster. The final roster will note students who withdrew, failed, and completed the Paramedic class. The final roster form can be obtained from the BEMS	MODIFICATION Remove old contact information.

	or be completed on the BEMS web site. (www.health.ms.gov) Students successfully completing the class will not be allowed to test National Registry until a final roster is on file with the BEMS.	
Subchapter 16/Page 107	Subchapter 16 Intermediate and Paramedic Refresher Training	MODIFICATION EMT Intermediates are no longer a recognized level with the National Certification – a current and important initiative to help assure that EMS professionals providing care are competent.
Rule 7.16.1/Page 107	EMT Intermediate Refresher training shall consist of: Successful competition of the EMT-Basic refresher course as outlined previously and successful competition of a formal 14 hour DOT EMT Intermediate refresher training program (must include 2 hours of defibrillation refresher training). Successful competition of Division 1 and 2 of the EMT Paramedic Curriculum will satisfy this requirement.	REMOVE EMT Intermediates are no longer a recognized level with the National Certification – a current and important initiative to help assure that EMS professionals providing care are competent.
Subchapter 17 Rule 7.17.1 through 7.17.5/Page 108	Prerequisites to certification as an EMT Intermediate (training obtained in Mississippi).	REMOVE Delete entire subchapter. EMT Intermediates are no longer a recognized level with the National Certification – a current and important initiative to help assure that EMS professionals providing care are competent.
Subchapter 19 Rule 7.19.1 through 7.19.5/Page 109	Prerequisites to certification EMT- Intermediate (training obtained in another state)	REMOVE Delete entire subchapter. EMT Intermediates are no longer a recognized level with the National Certification – a current and important initiative to help assure that EMS

		professionals providing care are competent.
Rule 7.20.6/Page 110	Note: The Mississippi BEMS maintains the right to refuse reciprocity to any EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic if the submitted curriculum does not meet the guidelines of the national standards for prehospital advanced life support eurriculum or those required by the state of Mississippi.	MODIFICATION Change to reflect the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP); an EMS training initiative that replaces the traditional refresher course model of continuing education with one that will evolve over time and promote continuous quality improvement (CQI), lifelong learning and individual self-assessment.
Subchapter 21 Rule 7.21.1 through 7.21.3/Page 110-111	EMT Intermediate Certification	REMOVE Delete entire subchapter. EMT Intermediates are no longer a recognized level with the National Certification – a current and important initiative to help assure that EMS professionals providing care are competent.
Subchapter 22 Rule 7.22.1 through 7.22.4/Page 111	EMT Intermediate Re Certification	REMOVE Delete entire subchapter. EMT Intermediates are no longer a recognized level with the National Certification - important initiative to help assure that EMS professionals providing care are competent.
Rule 7.23.1/Page 111	Any person desiring re-certification as an EMT I/P Paramedic shall apply to BEMS using forms provided (e.g. application for state certification)	MODIFICATION EMT Intermediates are no longer a recognized level with the National Certification – a current and important initiative to help assure that EMS professionals providing care are competent.

Rule 7.23.2/Page 111-112	All re-certification applications must be accompanied by a fee fixed by the Board, which shall be payable to the Board. Also include copy of current National Registry card equivalent to the level of recertification requested and a Jurisdictional Medical Control Agreement (JMCA). (Jurisdictional Medical Control Agreements are valid only for the certification period in which they are submitted. Therefore, all EMT Intermediates and EMT Paramedics recertifying must complete and resubmit a JMCA for each licensed provider for which they function.)	MODIFICATION EMT Intermediates are no longer a recognized level with the National Certification – a current and important initiative to help assure that EMS professionals providing care are competent.
Rule 7.24.1/Page112 -113	Grounds for suspension or revocation include:	MODIFICATION Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule 7.24.2/Page 113-114	If the Bureau finds that public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action and a finding to that effect is incorporated in its order, summary suspension of a certification may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action.	MODIFICATION Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule 7.25.1/Page114 -115	21. Any conduct, regardless of whether convicted, which constitutes a crime of violence, or which	MODIFICATION Change reflects clearer language defining authority for

	constitutes any of the following crimes: f. Assault g. Stalking h. False imprisonment i. Sexual assault or battery j. Crimes against a vulnerable person	the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule 7.25.2/Page 115	If the Bureau finds that public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action and a finding to that effect is incorporated in its order, summary suspension of a certification may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action.	MODIFICATION Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule 9.10.20/Page 149	Any conduct, regardless of whether convicted, which constitutes a crime of violence, or which constitutes any of the following crimes: • Assault • Stalking • False imprisonment • Sexual assault or battery • Crimes against a vulnerable person	MODIFICATION Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged activity.
Rule 9.10.21/Page 149	If the Bureau finds that public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action and a finding to that effect is incorporated in its order, summary suspension of a certification may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action.	MODIFICATION Change reflects clearer language defining authority for the Department to issue summary of suspension – while awaiting conviction or pardon - in the event that clear and convincing evidence (as defined in Mississippi Statute) is presented regarding the alleged

	activity.